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JOINT EXERCISES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Israel have decided to hold Joint Special Forces' exercise in Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of joint exercises of Armed Forces held with foreign forces during the last one year till date, force-wise;

(d) the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(e) the benefits gained therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) India and Israel have not decided to hold any Joint Special Forces' exercise in Defence.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of joint exercises of Armed Forces held with foreign forces during the last one year till date, force-wise, is as follows:-

Army	-	Two
Navy	-	Ten
Air Force	-	Three

(d) The expenditure in respect of the joint exercises was met out of the allocated annual budget of the Armed Forces.

(e) Joint exercises help the Armed Forces to practice procedures for undertaking military operations in the areas of our strategic interests besides promoting goodwill and understanding.